

# Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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**WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE** - Indiana's largest state operated property!

**Patoka Lake Interpretive Services** presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time  
Visit our website: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/)

## June 2008 Activities

### Sunday, June 1st

2p.m. **Animal Tracks & Signs** ~ What animal made that foot print in the mud? What are the signs of nature with the animal no longer nearby? Discover common and not-so-common tracks and signs. **vc**

### Thursday, June 5th

2p.m. **Roving Interpreter** ~ Watch for the naturalist and a special guest at a campsite near you.

### Friday, June 6th

2p.m. **Nature Flick** ~ Enjoy a short nature video. Snacks provided for this family fun time at Patoka! **vc**

### Saturday and Sunday, June 7th & 8th

**Free Fishing Weekend** ~ Everyone is invited to come and fish at Patoka Lake. No fishing license required. This is part of a statewide program to encourage Hoosiers to come out and enjoy sport fishing. The regular gate fee will apply.



### Saturday, June 7th

9:30a.m. - 12p.m. **Kids Fishing Derby** ~ Kids, 12 and under, grab your fishing poles, bait and tackle box, family and friends and head on over to the Kids Fishing Pond located at the Modern Campgrounds. Bring lawn chairs, insect repellent, and coolers and enjoy a lazy Saturday morning fishing! Some supplies provided, while they last. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **ccs**



2p.m. **Endangered & Threatened Species** ~ What does that mean? Come and take a look at a bird of prey and a box turtle. Learn about the laws that protect these animals. **vc**

### Sunday, June 8th

9a.m. **Roving Interpreter** ~ Watch for the naturalist and a special guest at a campsite near you.

10a.m. **Hawks are Raptors!** ~ See a redtail hawk up close and learn about this species of hawk. What do hawks eat? Where do they live in the natural world? Come and learn. **vc**

1p.m. **Kayak into Nature** ~ Join the naturalist at the beach for a fun afternoon looking for eagles, beaver and other wildlife. Canoes available (while supplies last) or bring your own canoe or kayak. Enjoy the summer season in this afternoon adventure. **b**

2p.m. **Snakes of Patoka** ~ Explore the world of common and not-so-common snakes of Patoka with a surprise guest. Venomous or non-venomous, what does that mean? With facts & myths, we will look at the misunderstood world of snakes. **vc**

### Thursday, June 12th

2p.m. **Gardening for Wildlife** ~ Which plants provide nectar and host plants for the caterpillars & butterflies? What types of shrubs or flowers do hummingbirds like for nectar? Squirrel feeders and bluebird boxes are discussed as well as habitat for bats, those marvelous insect eaters. **vc**

### Friday, June 13th

2p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, Feathers, Fins or Fangs? Take a look at an interesting creature from Patoka! **vc**

### Saturday, June 14th

9a.m. **Roving Interpreter** ~ Watch for the naturalist and a special guest at a campsite near you.

2p.m. **Creatures of the Night** ~ Let's take a look and learn about the wildlife that comes out at night. It is a fascinating world after dark with owls, coyotes and much more. **vc**

## ArtSpace

Rocks & Gems are featured through the month of June as **Jan & Merrill Henshaw** of French Lick show assorted art items, jewelry and lapidary works. The Henshaw family enjoy the variety of stones and how they tell the story of geology and the earth beneath our feet. Take a look at their fascinating finds.

### Sunday, June 15th

2p.m. **Owl Prowl** ~ Take a close-up look at Patoka's resident barred owl. Learn about this fascinating hunter of the night, where they live and what they eat. **vc**

### Wednesday, June 18th

2p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, Feathers, Fins or Fangs? Take a look at an interesting creature from Patoka! **vc**

### Friday, June 20th

2p.m. **Hall Ridge Hike** ~ Wear comfortable shoes and join in this 1 hour walk back in time. Hear stories from the memoirs of Mr. Fred Dillard of how people lived in the early 1900's. Walk back in time when residents made their own maple syrup and harvested wild game. **vc**

### Saturday, June 21st

9a.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Wear comfortable shoes and join us for this short 1/4 mile walk through the old road, the "Narrys". Join in this look at yesteryear. **vc**

### Sunday, June 22nd

10a.m. **Wildlife Walk** ~ Meet at the Visitor Center. Wear comfortable shoes & insect repellent and join in this morning walk to look for signs of wildlife. Listen for birds and other animals as we welcome the season of SUMMER! **vc**

2p.m. **Story of the Beaver** ~ Let's take a look at the adaptations and special features of the world's largest rodent. **vc**

### Wednesday, June 25th

2p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, Feathers, Fins or Fangs? Take a look at an interesting creature from Patoka! **vc**

### Thursday, June 26th

1p.m. **Turtle Talk** ~ Take a close-up look at Patoka's resident box turtle. Learn about the new laws to protect them. **vc**

### Friday, June 27th

9p.m. **Night Hike** ~ Bring family and friends, insect repellent, wear comfortable walking shoes and join in this adventure as we look and listen for wildlife. Be prepared to enjoy the dark! Meet at the beach shelterhouse (Signs will be posted).



It's not too early to be thinking about reserving your favorite campsite for Patoka's Autumn Getaway, October 10th & 11th!.

You can make reservations up to six months in advance at:

**[www.camp.in.gov](http://www.camp.in.gov) or 1-866-622-6746.**

Your outdoor adventure awaits you at PATOKA!

# **“Thunder Over Patoka” Fireworks**

## **Saturday, June 28th**

**10p.m. E.D.T.**

**Patoka Lake Beach**



Join us for the 2nd Annual Fireworks display at Patoka Lake!

Come early and enjoy patriotic music by **Crawford County Community Band** at 9:30 p.m.! **CHAOS**, a local area classic rock band will perform immediately following the fireworks until midnight!

Don't miss out on all the fun!

The regular gate fee will apply.

### Sunday, June 29th

1p.m. **Insect BINGO!** ~ Buzzzzzz on over to the Visitor Center to play an old favorite game with a nature twist. Fun for all ages! **vc**

## **BALD EAGLE C52 & REDTAIL HAWK**

In addition to the regularly scheduled programs, C52 & Redtail Hawk will be in the Visitor Center backyard viewing area on June 3rd, 5th, 8th, 12th, 18th-22nd, & 26th.

Stop by the Visitor Center for your information packet of raptor flight identification, eagle fact sheet and a map of eagle viewing areas around Patoka!

For more information regarding donating to the care of the Patoka resident raptors, please call (812)685-2447 or check out the DNR webpage: **[www.in.gov/dnr/c52](http://www.in.gov/dnr/c52)**